

**REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR**

Docket Number (Optional)

P06280US1-169A

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,676,502, granted January 13, 2004 and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled Method and Means for Stuffing Natural Casings With Sausage Emulsion

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as reissue application number \_\_\_\_\_and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

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On September 3, 2003, Applicant filed an Amendment After Notice of Allowance Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.312 along with an IDS in view of prior art found in a co-pending PCT Application. The file history indicates that the IDS was entered, but the amendment was not considered. Subsequently, Patent 6,676,502 issued from the above application without the proper amendment, and with claim 1 being too broad.

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<b>REISSUE APPLICATION: CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE; STATEMENT OF NON-ASSIGNMENT</b>		Docket Number (Optional)  P06280US1-169A
This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.		
Name of Patentee(s) Steven P. Hergott, David S. Hamblin, and Michael J. Hardy		
Patent Number 6,676,502	Date Patent Issued January 13, 2004	
Title of Invention METHOD AND MEANS FOR STUFFING NATURAL CASINGS WITH SAUSAGE EMULSION		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filed herein is a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b). (Form PTO/SB/96)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Ownership of the patent is in the inventor(s), and no assignment of the patent is in effect.</p> <p>One of boxes 1 or 2 above must be checked. If multiple assignees, complete this form for each assignee. If box 2 is checked, skip the next entry and go directly to "Name of Assignee".</p> <p>The written consent of all assignees and inventors owning an undivided interest in the original patent is included in this application for reissue.</p>		
<p>The assignee(s) owning an undivided interest in said original patent is/are <u>Townsend Engineering Company</u> and the assignee(s) consents to the accompanying application for reissue.</p>		
Name of assignee/inventor (if not assigned) Townsend Engineering Company		
Signature 	Date <u>Jan 28, 2004</u>	
Typed or printed name and title of person signing for assignee (if assigned)  Al D. Larson, Vice President		

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Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	HERGOTT, et al.
Title	METHOD AND MEANS FOR ...
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

## **SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**

Name	Al D. Larson, Vice President, Townsend Engineering Company		
Signature	<i>Al D. Larson</i>		
Date	1.28.04	Telephone	515-265-8181

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Steven P. Hergott, David S. Hamblin, and Michael J. HardyApplication No./Patent No.: 6,676,502 Filed/Issue Date: JANUARY 13, 2004Entitled: METHOD AND MEANS FOR STUFFING NATURAL CASINGS WITH SAUSAGE EMULSIONTownsend Engineering Company, a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

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Title

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## A S S I G N M E N T

In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assigns to TOWNSEND ENGINEERING COMPANY, an Iowa corporation, having an address of 2425 Hubbell Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50317, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 10/160,931, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the 31st day of May, 2002, entitled METHOD AND MEANS FOR STUFFING NATURAL CASINGS WITH SAUSAGE EMULSION, and in said application any and all other applications for United States Letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent, applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said TOWNSEND ENGINEERING COMPANY.

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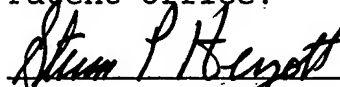


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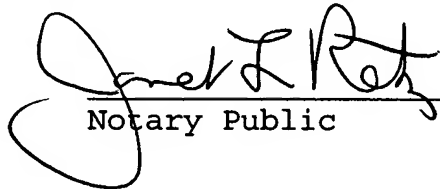
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On this 30 day of May, 2002, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Steven P. Hergott, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

  
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On this 29 day of May, 2002, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared David S. Hamblin, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

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On this 29 day of May, 2002, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Michael J. Hardy, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

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A. Patent Application No.(s) 10/160,931

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